



## **Tropical Storm Mindulle JIC Release - Separate from COVID-19 JIC Releases**

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### **Tropical Storm Mindulle Moving Rapidly West-Northwest; Guam Remains in COR 3**

The National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office Guam continues to monitor what has been named overnight as Tropical Storm Mindulle, formerly known as 20W, as it moves rapidly west-northwest.

A **tropical storm warning** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan. A Tropical Storm Warning means that Tropical Storm Conditions, including sustained winds of 39 mph or more, are still expected through sunrise.

As of 4 a.m., Tropical Storm Mindulle was located near 13.9 degrees north latitude and 142.0 degrees east longitude, about 190 miles west of Guam and 265 miles west-southwest of Saipan. It is moving west-northwest at 23 mph with maximum sustained winds of 45 mph.

Out of an abundance of caution, Guam remains in Condition of Readiness (COR) 3 at this time. At COR 3, the government of Guam is expected to resume normal operations.

A **flood watch** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon. Avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

A **high risk of rip currents** remains in effect for Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan through this afternoon. Dangerous rip currents are expected along east facing reefs of the Marianas. Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water. If caught in a rip current, do not swim against the current. Swim in a direction following the shoreline, then head for the beach when out of the current.

### **Practice Caution**

The community is reminded to take the following precautions through this morning:

- Practice caution on the roadways, driving below the speed limit and allowing enough braking distance between vehicles.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown. Immediately move to higher ground if flash flooding occurs. Water levels can rise rapidly and sweep people away. Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you down, and 2 feet of water can sweep your vehicle away
- Stay away from storm drains, culverts, creeks, and streams.
- If floodwaters rise around your car but the water is not moving, abandon the car and move to higher ground. If the water is moving, do not leave the car.
- Do not camp, park, or hike along streams, rivers, and creeks. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

- NWS Website: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>
- NWS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/>
- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>
- JRM Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/jrmguam>

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